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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

A Brief Account of Some of the Important Events that have Transpired at the Legislature since its Opening Session.

Owing to the changes in the paper, and other inconveniences, it has been impossible to give the usual report.

Wednesday, January 6th, the General Assembly held its opening session, and confirmed by election the nominations made in caucus Tuesday night. In the House, the election resulted as follows:

Ex-Judge A. W. Graham, of Granville, Speaker of the House; Principal Clerk, T. G. Cobb, of Morganton; Reading Clerk, R. M. Phillips, of Lee county; Engrossing Clerk, W. D. Kinsland, of Wayneville; Sergeant-at-Arms, G. S. Kilpatrick, of Lenoir.

In the Senate, the following officers were elected: Whitehead Klutz, of Salisbury, President pro tem; A. J. Maxwell, of Craven county, Principal Clerk; Mark Squires, of Lenoir, Reading Clerk; W. E. Hooks, of Greenville, Engrossing Clerk; and R. F. Staley, of Wilkesboro, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Thursday, at a joint session of the Assembly, Governor Glenn read his message in person.

The bill passed by the Senate, on Friday, January 8th, to increase the Governors salary failed to pass the House.

Nothing of any further importance was brought up until Monday, the 11th, when Mr. Whitehead Klutz, of Rowan, introduced in the Senate a bill providing for the creation of a State highway commission, the object and purpose of which shall be "to instruct, assist and co-operate in the building and improvement of the public roads of the State."

Section 22 reads as follows: "The sum of \$150,000 annually is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the act."

On Monday, the 11th, the invitation of President Venable, of Chapel Hill, to participate in the celebration of Lee's birthday at the State University, Tuesday, January 19th, was accepted.

Tuesday, January 12th, before an assemblage of the people of North Carolina, and the General Assembly, Governor W. W. Kitchin was inaugurated. It was a brilliant inaugural day, and a great crowd witnessed the inauguration. The following other officers were installed on this day: William C. Newland, Lieutenant Governor; J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State; B. F. Dixon, State Auditor; B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer; J. Y. Joyner, Superintendent of Public Instruction; T. W. Bickett, Attorney General; M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing; W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture; James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, and B. F. Aycock, member of North Carolina Corporation for term of six years.

Wednesday, January 13th, Lieutenant-Governor W. C. Newland occupied the chair that former President Francis D. Winston graced for the past four years. A bill was introduced in the Senate to require the Superior Court judges to remain at the county seats during the full court terms. There was a joint resolution to adjourn the Senate and House sine die on the 15th day of February. On motion of Mr. Travis further consideration of the bill was postponed until the 20th day of January.

Thursday, January 14th—House invited Dr. S. A. Knapp, head of the farm demonstration work of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to address its members, and appointed a committee "to ascertain a time that will be most convenient" for his coming.

The committee appointed by Speaker Graham to attend the State Tuberculosis Convention at Charlotte, submitted its report. It recommended that the Legislature lend its aid and encouragement to

this movement that has for its aim "the promotion of health, the prevention of suffering, and the saving of human life."

A bill was introduced by Britt to provide for the election of county boards of education by the qualified voters of the several counties. Public elections.

Friday, January 15th—There was some interest added to the usual monotony of the session by a debate on a bill relating to Robeson county. It was a bill authorizing the Commissioners of Robeson county to issue bonds for the necessary purpose of paying off indebtedness incurred in building a court house and jail.

The bill had been reported favorably from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. It was up for passage on its second reading, being a roll call bill.

When the reading of the bill had been concluded, Mr. Currie, of Cumberland, gave notice that he should oppose its passage unless the section providing that the bonds should be exempt from city and county taxation was stricken out.

Mr. Currie insisted that the principle was wrong to encourage people with money to invest it in non-taxable bonds. It was a discrimination against other investments, to hold out such inducements to large investors in bonds, while small investors had to make it up by paying more taxes on their holding to make up the deficiency.

Saturday, January 16th—An anti-trust law containing sub-section "A" of the Reid bill of 1907 was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Lockhart, of Anson, and in the House by Mr. Weaver, of Buncombe. The bill denounces conduct within the State of North Carolina interfering with trade and commerce.

Monday, January 18th—The question of the increase of the salary of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing was brought up. Under the lead of a new member, Mr. Cotton, of Pitt, the Senate bill carrying twenty-five hundred dollars, reported favorably by the House Committee on Salaries and Fees, was amended, and five hundred dollars a year lopped off by a good majority. On motion of Mr. Roseco, of Bertie, further consideration of the bill was postponed and it was made a special order for Wednesday at 12 o'clock.

Tuesday, January 19th—Hon. Lee Slater Overman was re-elected United States Senator for the term beginning March 4th. Immediately after the election of the United States Senator, the Senate and House adjourned in honor of General Robt. E. Lee. The House tendered its Hall to the Daughters of the Confederacy for Memorial services Thursday night, January 21st.

Wednesday, January 20th—Bills were introduced in both Houses to put solicitors on salary basis, and to fix pay at \$2,000.00.

The Senate joint resolution that the Legislature do adjourn sine die on the 15th day of February, reported by the Committee on Rules without prejudice, came up on its second reading and was almost unanimously killed.

In the House the consideration of the bill to increase the salary of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing, which had been made a special order for 12 o'clock, came up. The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill amending the act of 1907, relating to divorce, came up, and after some discussion, was carried over to the calendar.

Mr. Kitchin introduced a bill to extend the corporate limits of Scotland Neck.

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Vanity of Men.

In a woman's club, a group of ladies cited many, many instances of the foolish vanity of males.

"Take the case of bees," one said. "Because the queen bee rules the hive, because she is the absolute mistress of millions of subjects, man up to a few hundred years ago denied her sex. He called her the king bee."

"Pliny wrote somewhere, 'The king bee is the only male, all the rest being females.' And Moses Rusden, beekeeper to Charles II., stoutly denied, in order to please his royal master, that the large bee, the ruler of the hives, belonged to the gentler sex."

"Even Shakespeare couldn't bear to think that the bee of bees, the largest and wisest and fairest, the hive's absolute lord, was a female. No, all the proofs notwithstanding, Shakespeare called her a male. Don't you remember the lines—

"Creatures that by a rule in nature teach, The act of order to a peopled kingdom, They have a king and officers of sorts."

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I Love Thee, Carolina.

The following beautiful poem, the production of Miss Bettie Freshwater Pool, of Elizabeth City, was read before the State Senate some days ago, and ordered spread on the Senate Journal:

I love thee, Carolina! Broad thy rivers, bright and clear; Majestic are thy mountains; Dense thy forests, dark and drear; Grows the pine tree, tall and stately; Weeps the willow drooping low, Bloom the eglantine and jasmine, Nods the daisy, white as snow.

CHORUS.

Let me live in Carolina; Till life's toil and strife are past; Let me sleep in Carolina, When my sun shall set at last; Where the mocking bird is singing, Where my heart is fondly clinging, I would sleep when life is o'er Sweetly on the old home shore.

I love thee, Carolina! Peace and plenty there abide; How beautiful thy harvest, Gathered in at Autumn tide, Fair thy fields where grows the cotton,

Light and fleecy, soft and white; And the golden wheat doth ripple Like a sea of amber light.

I love thee, Carolina! Land of story and of song; Of patriot and hero— How their deeds to memory throng! Great in peace and great in battle; Heart of fire to love or hate; Brightest star of all the Union Is the glorious Old North State.

Bloward—I hesitate to tell you what that automobile cost me. You wouldn't believe it. I paid a fabulous price for the machine, though, I can tell you.

Kohifax—I don't doubt it. What I want to know is the real price you paid for it.—Chicago News.

"Best Things."

The best law—the golden rule. The best education—self-knowledge.

The best philosophy—a contented mind. The best statesmanship—self-government.

The best theology—a pure and beneficial life. The best war—to war against one's weakness.

The best music—the laughter of an innocent child. The best medicine—cheerfulness and temperance.

The best art—painting a smile upon the brow of childhood. The best science—extracting sunshine from a cloudy day.

The best journalism—printing the true and beautiful on memory's tablet. The best telegraphing—flashing a ray of sunshine into a gloomy heart.

The best biography—the life which writes charity in the largest letters. The best mathematics—that which doubles the most joys and divides the most sorrows.

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Mark Twain as an Art Critic.

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"Well," said the host, turning to Mark Twain for his verdict, "what do you think of it? Grand, isn't it?"

"Yes, it's very pretty," said Mark, but it's not true to nature."

"Why not?" inquired every one in surprise.

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